



# Hobbs Municipal Schools

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## Statement Regarding Two Confirmed Cases of Measles Within the Hobbs Municipal Schools Family

The NMDOH Scientific Laboratory has confirmed only two confirmed measles cases within the Hobbs Municipal School family, As stated in their official releases on each case, NM Department of Health (NMDOH) is working with the individual’s family, medical professionals involved and our school district to identify all contacts and to confirm they are up to date with their measles vaccinations. Two doses of measles vaccine are 97% effective against disease.

Both individuals in each case, one confirmed on 2/13/2025 and the other on 03/03/2025, have not been on their campus prior to being tested. HMS was notified of both confirmed measles infections directly from NMDOH.

HMS has contacted parents, guardians and related staff informing them that NMDOH may reach out with additional information if persons were in direct contact with both individuals within the timeframe of possible exposure. HMS is cooperating fully with NMDOH efforts to conduct their contact tracing to minimize any additional infections.

According to CDC, the measles virus is extremely contagious, but dies on exposed surfaces after 2 hours. With this in mind and as a secondary precaution, HMS has our custodians conducting additional cleanings on campuses throughout the district, to continue to ensure that all locations are properly disinfected and ready for daily use.

Symptoms appear 7-21 days after exposure and can include fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes, followed by a red spotted rash that usually starts on the head or face and spreads across the body. Complications can include diarrhea, ear infections, and pneumonia.

If you or a member of your immediate family is experiencing any of these above symptoms, please contact your medical provider immediately.

To check your vaccination status: Visit the state Vax View website. Call the NMHealth Helpline at 1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773). To get the MMR or other vaccines: Contact your medical provider, pharmacy or local public health office. Visit nmhealth.org for providers or scheduling assistance.

Call the NMHealth Helpline at 1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773). Vaccines are free for New Mexico children under the Vaccines for Children program.

We strive to provide factual and relevant information and will continue to do so. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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**Service**  
*Meet the need*  
**Capacity Building**  
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**Innovation**  
*Willingness to adapt in the best interest of all learners*  
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